

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Cyprus
Program Title:	Cyprus Bicommunal Program
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	233-0410
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$8,492,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$38,555,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$14,400,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	1975
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	

Summary: USAID's program to reduce tensions and promote a climate that will foster reconciliation and a durable peace settlement for Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots supports a variety of activities in a wide range of areas. USAID's program includes support for economic development, civil society empowerment, good governance, education, and social and cultural exchange, especially among youth. USAID assistance supporting reconciliation includes technical assistance for sector-specific activities and implementing partners, related training and workshops, sub-grants to non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and commodities including materials, equipment, and supplies.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Community-based Reconciliation Efforts (\$8,492,000 ESF, \$7,970,000 ESF carryover). Under the continuing Bicommunal Development Program USAID will fund discrete activities in civil society/local governance, information/education/communication (e.g. TV programs for children in both communities), and sustainable development that bring together diverse elements of the community to promote and provide mutually beneficial solutions to local needs. Principal grantee: UNDP (prime) and others to be determined (TBD).

Increase Private Sector Growth (\$25,000,000 ESF carryover, \$5,585,000 ESF prior year recoveries).

Through the Cyprus Partnership for Economic Growth Program (CyPEG), which began in FY 2004, USAID will continue activities to strengthen the Turkish Cypriot economy and its interaction with that of Greek Cypriot small and medium enterprises and other institutions essential to economic growth. Contractor/grantee TBD.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Community-based Reconciliation Efforts (\$9,400,000 ESF). The Bicommunal Development Program will continue activities similar to ongoing activities. If a political settlement is reached, programming will likely shift towards activities that encourage support for and implementation of the political settlement. Contractor/grantees: TBD.

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Performance and Results: BDP and CyPEG each offer unique advantages; together, they represent a complementary array of resources to addresses the ongoing Cyprus Problem. Overall, the bi-communal program has fostered cooperation on activities of mutual interest for island-wide benefit and has increased mutual understanding between Greek and Turkish Cypriots in multiple sectors through more than 100 different activities.

Principal near-term results for the Bicommunal Development Program include: support and facilitation of public debate on settlement and the Annan Plan; continued development of bi-communal contacts and cooperation on activities such as the expansion and repair of the Nicosia sewerage and water systems shared by both the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots; the repair and restoration of historical and culturally significant sites such as the Hala Sultan Tekke Mosque, Apostolos Andreas Monastery, the Venetian Wall around Nicosia, the orphaned churches of Lapithos village, the church and mosque of Pentakomo village; a comprehensive survey of the infrastructure in the UN-patrolled Buffer Zone; a comparative survey of political and national attitudes and perceptions; seminars and workshops on a range of specific topics; the first on-line daily translation of newspaper articles from Greek to Turkish and Turkish to Greek; and the production and broadcast of educational programs, including documentaries, an adult comedy series, and an eight-episode children's educational television program.

The overall impact achieved is ongoing contact and a growing network of Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot organizations, institutions, and individuals collaborating on developmental initiatives to benefit the island as a whole. Such functional and cooperative relationships will help set the stage for the island-wide reconciliation following political settlement. The program is designed to be open to targets of opportunity that support a political settlement. In the event of such an agreement, program priorities will be adjusted and dedicated to support the successful implementation of a viable, UN-brokered and sanctioned peace plan.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Cyprus

233-0410 Cyprus Bicommunal Program	ESF
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	234,522
Expenditures	214,419
Unliquidated	20,103
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	7,299
Expenditures	14,378
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	241,821
Expenditures	228,797

Unliquidated	13,024
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	38,555
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	8,492
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	47,047
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	14,400
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	303,268